

ATTACHMENT 8.

August 23, 1977

TO: THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY
FROM: THE SECRETARY

In accord with page 17 of the Faculty Manual, your secretary of the Faculty Senate submits herewith the annual summation of Faculty actions for the period September 15, 1976 through July 6, 1977.

All actions of the Faculty are specifically adverted to except the passage of the requests for grade changes and the reports of the Committee on Curricula and New Courses, both of which were generally adopted with only occasional and slight emendations. Reports of the Grade Change Committee and of the Committee on Curricula and New Courses are kept with the official minutes, which are on file in the Faculty Senate Office where they may be consulted by anyone holding membership in the University Faculty.

Please do not confuse this report, which is a synopsis for the whole academic year, with the minutes of specific meetings.

During the academic year 1976-77 the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate:

September 15, 1976

Nominations were made from the floor for Senate Chairman-elect. The nominees were Professor Robert Patterson, Department of History; Professor Robert Felix, Law School; and Professor Rufus Fellers, College of Engineering.

Faculty House Board of Governors reported that Faculty House would be in full operation by the beginning of the spring semester. The Bylaws and House Rules for Faculty House were also presented to the Senate.

The Faculty Advisory Committee reported that since the College of Humanities and Social Sciences were recombined a change had been made in the language of the procedures to allow six representatives on the Promotion and Tenure Committee for that college which is the same number of representatives that the two colleges had before they were recombined.

Motion was approved to suspend the rules of the Senate in order to permit discussion of Business Administration's reorganization proposal.

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October 6, 1976:

Professor Robert Felix, Law School, was elected Chairman-elect of the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Advisory Committee called for a General Faculty Meeting to be held on October 26, 1976 to allow all faculty to vote on the College of Business Administration's reorganization proposal.

The Committee on Tenure and Promotion presented the following interpretations concerning tenure and promotion to the Senate:

1. Instructors are not eligible for tenure, therefore, the Committee has ruled that instructors will not be considered in the tenure and promotion process. When instructors are promoted, it is to be done administratively.
2. Faculty members who are serving in their final year, having received notice of termination, need not be considered in the tenure and promotion process. However, should a local tenure and promotion committee wish to reconsider the tenure or promotion of such faculty members, it may do so and the matter will then follow the usual channels.

The Faculty Manual revisions and additions that were presented at the September 15 meeting of the Faculty Senate for consideration were passed as amended.

The standing committees of the Faculty Senate presented their reports on the College of Business Administration's reorganization proposal.

October 26, 1977 - General Faculty Meeting:

Passed the following resolution concerning the reorganization of the College of Business Administration:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA:

1. Finds the request for autonomy contained in the proposal for reorganization of the College of Business Administration to be incompatible with the orderly process of university governance as set forth in the Faculty Manual.
2. Calls on the Board of Trustees to maintain the governmental processes it has approved, and, therefore, to take no action on the request for autonomy contained in the present proposal.

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3. Calls on the Standing Committees of the Faculty and the Faculty Senate to work closely with the College of Business Administration to achieve its objectives with respect to improving the quality of its programs and student body.

November 3, 1976:

The Faculty Advisory Committee presented its conclusions to the Senate and requested that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison of the Board of Trustees inform the full Board of Trustees that it had reviewed the Business Administration's proposal and considered the views and action of the University faculty and recommend that the Board take no action. The Faculty Advisory Committee requested that the proposal be returned to the College with the recommendation that any changes which may be desired be sought in consultation with the appropriate standing committee of the faculty and the Senate in accordance with the resolution of the general faculty.

Passed a statement of endorsement of the resolution concerning the reorganization of the College of Business Administration adopted at the General Faculty meeting.

The Secretary announced that Aiken, Coastal and Spartanburg Regional Campuses should be removed from the roster as they are no longer members of the Columbia Faculty Senate.

December 1, 1976:

The Curricula and New Courses Committee announced to the Senate that the committee found the CLEP general examinations to be unacceptable.

Approved as amended the revised text to the Faculty Manual in regard to scholastic standards.

Approved change in the Faculty Manual of the revised definition of the faculty.

February 2, 1977:

Approved resolution which expressed solidarity with the Administration and the student body in the crisis situation resulting from curtailment of energy supplies and recommended that the academic calendar be shifted by two weeks so that finals will begin May 11 and Commencement will be held on May 21.

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Approved resolution that the Board of Trustees support any legislative action directed toward decreasing the vesting period of the State Retirement System from fifteen to five years.

March 2, 1977:

Proposed calendars for fall and spring semesters were presented to the Senate for comments.

April 6, 1977:

Defeated the motion to change the University grading system which would add pluses to the current system.

Approved the proposal which defines the membership of the Faculty Board of Trustees Liaison Committee as the chairman of the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate, the chairman of the Faculty Advisory and Faculty Welfare Committees, one person appointed by the President on nomination by the Regional Campus Senate and the chairman of the Faculty Government on one of the four-year branch campuses.

Approved the amendment to the Faculty Manual concerning the sabbatical leave policy.

Defeated motion that age 63 be substituted for age 65 in sabbatical leave policy.

May 4, 1977:

Approved motion to amend sabbatical leave policy which states "To be considered for sabbatical leave a faculty member must be a tenured associate professor or professor and must be eligible to serve at least one year following the completion of the leave."

Approved resolution which states that the Faculty Senate endorses continuation of the sabbatical leave policy set forth in the Faculty Manual, as amended.

Approved adoption of the specific changes in the wording of the Faculty Manual concerning tenure and promotion as amended by the Senate.

Accepted the slate of nominations of the Nominations Committee along with those made from the floor.

Defeated motion to consider the report of Scholastic Standing and Petitions Committee.

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May 10, 1977:

Senate considered the recommendations of rules and regulations for admission and petition established by the various colleges of the University under a recent ruling of the University Senate.

May 10, 1977 - General Faculty Meeting:

Provost Keith E. Davis presented the annual faculty honors and awards.

The Faculty Advisory Committee presented a report on the proposed revisions to the Faculty Manual concerning tenure and promotions which had been adopted as amended by the Faculty Senate.

Defeated motion to include the statement "These provisions for maximum terms of probation are effective for all faculty who enter University employment on or after July 1, 1977." with the changes to the Faculty Manual tenure and promotion revisions.

July 6, 1977:

Procedure submitted by the Curricula and New Courses Committee which asked that all new titles and suffixes of topics and problem courses with varying content be submitted to the committee for review prior to being scheduled was sent back to the committee.

Approved amendment to promotion and tenure regulations concerning the AAUP standards and the rules of the University.

Approved motion that the responsibility for making nominations for faculty officers and committees shall be transferred to the Senate Steering Committee and the Faculty Nominations Committee be dissolved.

Faculty Advisory Committee reported one small alteration by the Board of Trustees to the amended statement of the sabbatical leave policy in the Faculty Manual.

Passed a motion to table the recommendation that the Bachelor of General Studies Special Advisory Committee be eliminated.

Approved recommendation of Committee on Scholastic Standing and Petitions suspension rule that only the record of the current year be evaluated.

Tabled motion for the modified 50% rule of the Scholastic Standings and Petitions Committee.

Approved motion to broaden the scope of the Faculty Welfare Committee.